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GIRL SCOUTS—DAKOTA HORIZONS ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS FOR THE 21ST ANNUAL WOMEN OF DISTINCTION EVENT

Rapid City, SD — Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons has announced the award winners for the 21st annual *Women of Distinction* event that honors outstanding women and girls in the community. The event has a rich history, honoring the achievements of these individuals. Listed below are the award winners the following categories:

Women of Distinction - These award winners strive to make the world a better place and have made a contribution of time and support to the community.

- Melanie Barclay – Make a Wish South Dakota
- Lia Green – Rushmore Media Company
- Cheryl Hanna – Access to Justice
- Codie Broome – Black Hills Works

Distinctive Women of Service - As a member or employee of the United States Armed Forces, these nominees strive to make the world a better place and has made a contribution of time and support to the community.

- Sgt. 1st Class Carolyn Tedford – South Dakota Army National Guard
- Master Sergeant Desiree M. Bates – United States Air Force
- Maj. Rebecca Trygstad – South Dakota Army National Guard
- Senior Airman Stephanie Small – United States Air Force
- Sgt. Rachel R. Sirignano - South Dakota Army National Guard

Juliette Gordon Low Legacy Award – These award winners have shown strong, sustained commitment to Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons by partnering with Girl Scouts for the betterment of the organization.

- Johanna Best – Black Hills State University
- Melissa Hupp - KT Connections and Don's Valley Market
- Mary Barrett - New Wave Salon

Tomorrow's Leader Award - As a registered Girl Scout, this award winner has potential for extraordinary leadership and service and has completed her Girl Scout Gold Award or Silver Award by February 1, 2015 or is a council delegate at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

- Haley Erickson – Daughter of Jason and Julie Erickson
- Karen Witcraft – Daughter of Helen Witcraft
- Hailley Ingles – Daughter of Justina Peters

Friend of Distinction Award - This award winner is a business or organization that has joined in partnership with Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons to advance the mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

- Dakota Battery & Electric – Casey and Tom Barrett, Owners

Award winners will be honored at the *Women of Distinction* recognition event and luncheon on May 14, 2015 from 11:30AM – 1:00PM at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. Advance tickets only, please. Individual tickets are \$30 or \$200 for a table that includes eight tickets.

Ticket may be reserved by calling Rochelle Rasmussen at 605.271.9716. Follow the conversation about Girl Scouts—Dakota Horizons on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/gsdhsouthwest>.

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